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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under the provision of 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98.

Submission of copies of the cited U.S. patents (if any) listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant is believed to be waived as a result of the PTO's Notice, dated June 30, 2003, waiving the submission requirement set forth in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i). A copy of each foreign reference and non-published document (if any) listed on the attached Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant is included as required under 37 CFR § 1.98.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on a copy of Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant and return an initialed copy to the undersigned's attention.

The listed documents were cited in an Office Action, dated July 10, 2007, which issued from a corresponding Japanese Application Serial No. 2002-325216. A copy of the Office Action is included herewith. The Office Action is not a reference, and Applicants do not necessarily subscribe to any of the statements contained therein.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement. Thus, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), no fee is believed needed.

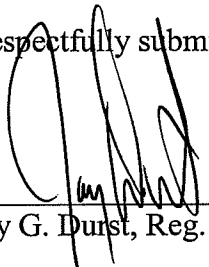
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Respectfully submitted,



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